



New Publishing Model, Refined Scope Launch 2017 Volume Year for *Integrating Materials and Manufacturing Innovation*

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TMS content update

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Charles Ward



Starting with the 2017 volume year, *IMMI* will publish both protected and Open Access content, all still rigorously peer-reviewed. Articles can be submitted at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/immj>.

Integrating Materials and Manufacturing Innovation (IMMI) has moved from a completely Open Access platform to a publishing model that offers both protected and open content, giving authors the option to pay for Open Access publication and retain their copyright. In September 2016, *IMMI* launched a new article submission site to accommodate this change: <https://www.editorialmanager.com/immj>. Articles previously published as Open Access will remain freely available to all readers. TMS members will continue to have free access to all *IMMI* content by logging in to SpringerLink via the TMS website.

“This publishing model brings *IMMI* in line with TMS’s other journals and removes the barrier of authors’ having to pay an article processing charge to publish a standard paper,” said Charles Ward, *IMMI* Editor-in-Chief. “However, it also supports those authors who wish to publish their work as an Open Access article, with a fee still applying.”

IMMI was launched in 2012 with a goal of presenting “novel efforts seeking to build an integrated engineering framework to solve a pervasive or recurring need in

materials and manufacturing.” Ward says that he is pleased with the contributions to the field that *IMMI* has made in a relatively short time, noting that the journal’s thematic issues have been particularly successful. *IMMI* also introduced a unique Data Descriptor article category in 2015 to provide a means of adequately describing a complex materials dataset that would be useful to a broad research community. “*IMMI* has been a leader in making materials data a reusable product of research,” said Ward.

To further support the publishing needs of the materials professions, *IMMI* will offer a refined editorial scope with its move to a new publishing platform. “We’ve learned from *IMMI* authors and readers that there are key topical areas previously underserved by peer-reviewed journals,” said Ward. “In response, we are concentrating our scope on four themes supporting integrated computational materials engineering (ICME): data, tools, application, and impact. Articles in these areas have proven to be our most accessed and most cited articles, yet they often don’t have a natural home anywhere else but *IMMI*.”

IMMI will publish its debut issue under the new publishing model and refined scope in March 2017 as it moves to a quarterly publication schedule. “We’re on track for a strong first issue in 2017, with selected papers from the Second International Workshop on Software Solutions for ICME recently held in Barcelona, Spain,” said Ward. “Going forward with a more refined scope, we’ll be well positioned to attract authors and readers who require the distinguishing content *IMMI* offers.”

TMS Journals Named to Emerging Sources Index

Two of TMS’s newest journals—*Integrating Materials and Manufacturing Engineering* and *Journal of Sustainable Metallurgy*—have been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuters’ Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). Beginning with 2016, these journals will be indexed and abstracted in ESCI.

Thomson Reuters describes the ESCI as complementing the organization’s highly selective indices by providing earlier visibility for sources under evaluation as part of the Science Citation Index’s rigorous journal selection process. Inclusion in ESCI “provides greater discoverability which leads to measurable citations and more transparency in the selection process.”